

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 614

By Hicks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jacquelyn Crawford as a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Crawford is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawford is an outstanding young woman who has dedicated much of the past six years to serving others through various charitable causes, some of which she has pioneered herself; and

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Crawford is the director of the Lunch Box Summer Feeding program in her hometown community of Church Hill. The program, which is the first of its kind, is operated from a school bus repurposed into a mobile cafeteria that makes stops several times a day in low-income communities, allowing children to board and eat lunches; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawford has directed this program for two years, ordering all food and supplies, raising money for operations, and recruiting volunteers and organizing the routes; and

WHEREAS, the Lunch Box program has received regional, statewide, and national recognition and is an exemplar of charitable best practices nationally; and

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn was selected as Miss Kingsport for 2014-2015, having served as a role model to area youth; and

WHEREAS, she made 300 appearances promoting her personal project, The SOCK Project, an acronym that stands for Supporting Our Community Kids. Through the auspices of the program, she has collected 8,000 pairs of socks for children in need; and

WHEREAS, a woman of many talents, Ms. Crawford has written a children's story book that promotes self-confidence and respect for others in an attempt to combat bullying; and

WHEREAS, she has also collected and provided Christmas gifts to the area's special needs adults and provides special treats to the Area 32 Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, a tireless activist, Jacquelyn assisted the Sullivan County Sherriff's Department in their Toys for Cops Christmas program, as well as the Kingsport Homeless Christmas Party; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawford is an ambassador for the Cinderella Project of East Tennessee, a program she has worked with for five years to provide 500 girls with prom dresses and accessories they might not otherwise be able to afford, with the hopes of inspiring these young women to build self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for young people of all ages, Jacquelyn is a mentor in kindergarten reading classes, where she helps students achieve their Accelerated Reader goals and develop basic math skills; and

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn is working toward a future for herself as well and is studying pre-med at Alice Lloyd College in Kentucky. Her goal is to become a surgeon and work with medical mission teams in Appalachia; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawford is a model citizen, and her commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Jacquelyn Crawford for her outstanding community leadership,

congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.